IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (NEW) An information carrier, comprising:
    a substrate;
    tracks on the substrate carrying real-time information and playback parameters related thereto, the real-time information being represented by units having a variable amount of compressed data, the playback parameters include an access list having entries, each subsequent entry being assigned to a subsequent interval of a fixed playback time and containing a pointer to a unit for playing in the interval.

12. (NEW) The information carrier of claim 5, wherein the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval.

13. (NEW) A player comprising:
    reading means for retrieving from an information carrier real-time information and playback parameters related thereto, the real-time information being represented by units having a variable amount of compressed data, the playback parameters include an access list having entries, each subsequent entry being assigned to a subsequent interval of a fixed playback time and containing a pointer to a unit for playing in the interval, and
    processing means for processing the playback parameters, and for accessing the real-time information at a selected playback time by processing the access list.

14. (New) The player of claim 13, wherein the processing means calculate a pointer to a unit within an interval by interpolating between pointer values of two adjacent entries.

15. (NEW) The player of claim 14, wherein: the playback parameters include a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval; and the processing means correct the calculated pointer by the margin parameter.

16. (NEW) The player of claim 13, wherein the processing means store the access list in a memory.

17. (NEW) The player of claim 13, wherein the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval.

18. (NEW) The player of claim 17, wherein the processing means calculate a pointer to a unit within an interval by interpolating between pointer values of two adjacent entries.

19. (NEW) The player of claim 18, wherein the processing means correct the calculated pointer by the margin parameter.

20. (NEW) Playback device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the processing means store the access list in a memory.